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POPULIST CONVENTION.

The New Party Enters the Political Arena.

The Last of the Conventions is Over and the Racers Are All on the Political Track.

The populist came to town last Friday. They didn't come in such large numbers as some of the populist leaders had hoped. There had been provision for 236 delegates in the populist call, but the complete roll of delegates in attendance didn't reach anything like that number and some of the most enthusiastic leaders in the populist cause were sorely disappointed. Some of the big guns in whom they had placed a great deal of reliance to carry the day did not put in an appearance. In short, the convention was a disappointment to the populists.

The first delegation to arrive was from Georgetown and they were followed by the delegations from Deming and the southern part of the county. A small delegation came down from Pinos Altos and a few delegates came in from other parts of the county. The Deming delegation wore badges which were conspicuous on the street for a few minutes after the arrival of the train but they soon got mixed in the crowd and attracted little attention.

In the evening there was speaking at the rink. John Berry, of Georgetown, presided and W. H. Rider, of Central, recorded the proceedings. An attorney from Deming named Lawhorn inflicted a tiresome talk of an hour and a half on the 180 people who had assembled to listen to populist gospel. He told an excruciatingly funny story about a quack doctor and Hicockalorum and Locoekahirum and appealed touchingly to "My countrymen." Had he explained that the quack doctor was attempting to assume the role of the populist party and give populist powders to the "body politic" to cure it of the financial ills with which it is afflicted, the point might have been clearer.

He was followed by G. D. Bantz who was called to the platform. Bantz was in sympathy with the principles of the populist party but the democratic party advocated the same principles and Mr. Bantz failed to see how the populists were going to benefit themselves by leav-

ing the old party. This speech was not applauded to any appreciable degree by the populists, but it brought forth the approval of many democrats who were in the hall.

P. R. Smith was then called for and he came forward and stated that he was the son of a minister of the gospel and could talk, but that he had had no time to prepare the points for a speech and besides the people were tired, but he promised that, should the opportunity present itself, he would deliver a talk on corporations the next day. He stated that he knew all about corporations, having made them a study for about fifteen years. He thanked the audience and then retired. Ancheta was then called for but was politic enough to decline with thanks. The meeting then adjourned and the delegates went to the Tremont house to talk over the situation.

At 10:30 Saturday morning John C. Berry, who had been chosen temporary chairman of the caucus, called the convention to order in Morrill hall. He announced that the first order of business would be the election of a temporary secretary and W. P. Wilkinson, of Deming, was nominated. F. M. Galloway rose and stated that Mr. Wilkinson was not present and then P. J. Dodd suggested the name of F. M. Galloway for secretary, but Mr. Galloway was not seeking office and he nominated R. L. Munson who stated that he had never had any experience in that line and asked to be excused. S. Lindauer nominated W. H. Rider, of Central, and he was duly elected and took his place on the rostrum.

P. J. Dodd suggested that there ought to be an interpreter appointed to interpret the proceedings to the Mexican delegates but no action was taken. Mr. Berry was then elected temporary chairman of the convention. Lindauer moved that the chair appoint the necessary committees; that each committee should consist of five members and that the convention should then adjourn until 4 o'clock. There was some debate as to the time to which the convention should adjourn, but the motion was finally adopted.

The chair appointed the following committees:

On credentials: R. L. Lafrenz, of Central; Malcolm McGregor, of Georgetown; H. C. Bartlett, of Pinos Altos; P. J.

Dodd, of Silver City and P. R. Smith, of Deming.

On rules and resolutions: W. N. Stevens, of Pinos Altos; W. H. Rider, of Central; A. J. Hughes, of Silver City; S. Lindauer, of Deming and J. C. Cureton, of Mimbres. The committee on resolutions was authorized to report a platform.

Committee on permanent organization and order of business: Hiram Fisher, of Stein's Pass; F. M. Galloway, of Silver City; James Wilson, of Central; Frank Bowman, of Deming and Alexander McGregor, of Georgetown.

Lindauer then moved a reconsideration of the motion to adjourn to 4 o'clock and the motion carried. The delegates were requested to remain in the hall after adjournment and a motion was then made to adjourn until 2 o'clock.

The delegates were a little late in assembling for the afternoon session, but at 2:30 the convention was called to order by the temporary chairman and an interpreter appeared upon the scene. The report of the committee on permanent organization was called for and F. M. Galloway read the report. The committee reported for permanent chairman L. J. Lawson, of Deming, and for permanent secretary Frank Wright, of Central.

The report of the committee on credentials was then called for and the temporary secretary of the convention read the report as follows:

Precinct No. 1—R. L. Lafrenz, W. H. Lowry, F. S. Wright, J. M. Wilson, J. Cooper, Silas Minker, John Rodgers, John Healy, A. Wright, E. Bennett, W. H. Rider, E. Northen by Lafrenz, proxy, Louis Sedillos by Lafrenz, proxy, Julio Sedillos by Lafrenz, proxy, Thos. Gaffney by Lafrenz, proxy, W. Kemp by Lafrenz, proxy, W. J. Barrett by Lafrenz, proxy, E. Larsen by Lafrenz, proxy, Thos. Allen by Lafrenz, proxy, J. Barney by Lafrenz, proxy.

Precinct No. 2—A. Mason, H. Smith, Chas. Webster, Wm. Stephens, H. C. Bartlett, C. H. Fox, Pablo Torres, E. P. Brannon, Robert Close by Brannon, proxy, Geo. Easton by Stephens, proxy, Owen Murphy by H. Smith, proxy.

Precinct No. 3—C. C. Whitehill, D. Rose, P. J. Dodd, A. J. Hughes, B. F. Lasswell, W. T. Jones, G. H. Utter, W. A. Woods, J. J. Bell by Hughes, proxy, James Corbin by Hughes, proxy, W. Walker by Hughes, proxy, C. L.

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